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Frog Lake First Nations celebrates opening of Emergency Response Facility



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Frog Lake First Nations Nos. 121 and 122 held the grand opening of their new Emergency Response Facility on Friday, with a good crowd on hand to tour the handsome new addition to their community.

Community elders started off the proceedings with a pipe ceremony blessing the building before band manager Roland Quinney welcomed the dignitaries and guests and turned the microphone over to Coun. William Quinney.

"It's been a long four years of planning and negotiating for this beautiful facility," Quinney said, adding that concern for the safety of the community had spurred the council into action. "Elk Point (fire department) does its best, but response time is not quick enough" in an emergency situation.

"We still have to integrate some other things, but the response time is cut down to where we can save lives," he continued. The project was "a lot of work," from collection of data to pulling together money for the project, but the result was that now "our people feel a little more safe, and our firefighters can come back and prepare for the next duty."

Quinney closed by thanking "so many people," including the staff "who organized this spur of the moment event. It's a beautiful day, a tremendous day for Frog Lake."

"It's a beautiful building," fellow council member Theresa Wade added. "The only problem is that it took a while to have it in our community. We would like to acknowledge Elk Point for taking care of our community."

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FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS Fire Chief Casey Quinney was surrounded by dignitaries as he took a giant pair of scissors in hand to cut the ribbon officially opening the new Emergency Response Facility.

Chilly windup for a busy summer for County and Elk Point FCSS

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The final two outdoor movies in the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS summer series carried on despite plummeting temperatures and threatening showers last week, with staff and viewers bundled up to watch 'Tangled' at Ferguson Flats on Thursday evening and the screen moving indoors to the community hall for 'Incredibles' at Mallaig on Friday evening..

The movies were the final

events of a long list of activities that entertained residents across the county over the summer months that started with the drive-in movie in Elk Point on Canada Day.

An expanded list of block parties brought area residents together at Heinsburg, Ferguson Flats, Mallaig, Ashmont, Cork Hall, and St. Paul - with Cornerstone Co-op, St. Paul FCSS and Parent Link as partners - bringing in a huge attendance of 400 people.

Elk Point's block party, possibly the smallest in attendance, was the

final of the series and was combined with three enthusiastic teams taking part in a community scavenger hunt that involved both taking photos and finding everything from a story in a library book to a four-leaf clover

Two color runs, in Ashmont and Mallaig, were outstanding successes, as were a pair of science days in Ferguson Flats and Elk Point.

Both Ashmont and Mallaig summer programs also saw good attendance, FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk said.



WARM JACKETS and WARM POPCORN and even a toque or two on a cool movie night at Ferguson Flats. More photos on Page 9.

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HALL WARMING GIFT - Kelly Dion of Frog Lake Energy Services made a presentation of items for the fire hall, purchased through a grant.



THE LONG AWAITED Emergency Response Facility is located next door to the Frog Lake Travel Centre on Highway 897, the much needed addition to the community providing quick response time.

Emergency

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"The next move is to try to bring a RCMP satellite station here," Greg Desjarlais said. "Elk Point is too far away when those calls come in. It is important that we celebrate the good times, and to thank the emergency services for coming here today for this occasion."

Elder Billy Quinney expressed words of welcome "to our neighbours and to the officials who supported our community in a good way."

Roland Quinney emphasized that communication needs to be established and, "now that everything is in full swing, we can make that happen. Thank you all for being patient."

"We are making another milestone in Frog Lake," director of emergency services Myles Quinney stated. "Our plan is to implement safety and we are very fortunate our neighbours have done a great job of helping us to fight fires. We would like to pay them back when they need help. I have been doing this three years and the biggest thing it has taught me is to have more patience. There is a lot of heartbreak and pain, but a lot of closure to help our Nation to be better. My biggest goal is to bring in EMS services, to reduce response time will be a lot better for us, and I look forward to that."

Fire Chief Casey Quinney said he has held that position for 17 or 18 years and thanked the project committee and contractors for making the new facility a success. He thanked neighbouring fire departments for the opportunity to tour their fire halls during the planning process and added, "I hope we can work together." The fire chief said being part of his department is "hard work and demanding, there are some things you don't want to see, and it's hard when you have to work on someone and do CPR on them."

Elder Gabe Dion addressed the crowd in Cree before Blair Cairns of Indigenous Services Canada came forward and called the project "a wonderful example of what can be accomplished by collective effort. It gives the community the capacity to provide critical services in a short response time. It is so important to recognize the firefighters, and I am proud to honour and support the department." He presented a gift to the fire chief.

Fire inspector Don Padlesky said it was "awesome to see something like this to boost our morale. It's a fantastic development."

Sgt. Terry Hyggen of Elk Point RCMP has "a vision for the RCMP in Frog Lake. I really agree that it's needed going forward, and I would fully support an office in this building. But, we need the political power. I will keep pursuing it. Congratulations on a beautiful facility."

In a press release, the Hon. Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada offered her congratulations and said, "Investing in fire safety and reliable infrastructure on reserves are shared priorities and I am please to see all partners working together. The Government of Canada is pleased to work with Frog Lake First Nations in the construction of their new fire hall and I congratulate them on the completion of this project."

The fire hall is almost 7,000 square feet in size and Indigenous Services Canada invested \$2.3 million in the project through the First Nation Infrastructure Fund, which has the objective of improving the environment and the quality of life on First Nations communities by improving and increasing the development of public infrastructure. Frog Lake has three fire trucks, with the newest of the three funded by Indigenous Services Canada in 2017.



INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA representative Blair Cairns presented a congratulatory gift from that department to Fire Chief Casey Quinney and the Frog Lake Council. Below, Sparky the Fire Dog says 'Hi' to a tiny visitor.



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TD Financial closes Elk Point branch after 71 years in the downtown core

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Elk Point branch of TD Canada Trust closed its doors for the final time last Friday, after serving the community for just over 71 years.

Thursday saw a steady stream of customers coming to bid farewell to branch manager Oralea Williams and staff member Erin Drolet, who are moving to the St. Paul branch, and Darlene Brunner, who is returning to the Vermilion branch, as they packed up the final few boxes in preparation for the closure.

Many of those who dropped by were seniors who have been dealing with the branch for decades and who reminisced about managers and events of the past, and who enjoyed the display of photos from over the years.

The closure of the branch was one of a number across Canada for not only TD Canada Trust but other financial institutions as well. Last year, for example, 20 branches of three banks closed in Saskatchewan, three of them in towns with no other financial institution available. The increase in online banking is at least partly responsible, with the Canadian Bankers Association estimating that 55 per cent of Canadians do all their banking online, and that only 13 per cent saying that they do most of their banking at an actual bank.

"We continually assess customer demand to make sure we are optimizing our branch network, and as a result, we sometimes make decisions to open or close branches, Geraldine Anderson, Manager, Corporate and Public Affairs for the TD Bank Group said when contacted regarding the closure.

"When making the difficult decision to close a location, we look at a variety of factors such as types and number of banking transactions conducted at the branch, customer and employee impact

and how we can best facilitate the transition.

help make the transition easier." Historically speaking, the Toronto



MEMORY LANE - Customer Elizabeth Didow and branch manager Oralea Williams take a trip down memory lane as they look through the collection of photos of past TD Financial staff and their many activities.

"On August 28, 2018 customer accounts from the Elk Point branch will transfer to our St. Paul branch. The St. Paul branch, located at 4901 50 Avenue, provides longer hours to serve our customers, and will have more staff to offer a wide range of services including wealth management, small business and agriculture banking. Additionally, customers can continue to access their accounts at any of our locations, and through mobile, phone and Internet banking."

"We have been working with our customers, since we announced the closure in February, to provide support and

Dominion Bank was not the first bank to be located in the community. The

Canadian Bank of Commerce opened in November 1919 in the old town site more recently occupied by the late Steve Andrishak's Fort George Museum, but was destroyed by a disastrous fire in February, 1922 which also consumed the community hall, pioneer entrepreneur Charles Hood's hardware store and other buildings.

Elk Point was without a financial institution for decades, until at a mid-summer 1945 meeting of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, a "railways and bank committee" was elected along with a new executive. That committee "undertook to interest a bank in locating in Elk Point, with briefs prepared and submitted to every chartered bank in Canada, sans one," according to Reflections, a History of Elk Point and District. "The Dominion Bank opened for business in June, 1947, in the premises now known as Stella's Café with Tosh Robertson as manager." That building is now Taste Buds Restaurant.

The Toronto Dominion Bank later built its own building on the present site, according to Reflections, and the 1977 Supplement to Reflections reported plans for "an extensive interior and exterior renovation project for the building in 1978," however, that did not take place. Instead, TD built a brand new building in 1981, which has served the community for the past 38 years.



CURRENT TD BRANCH under construction in the winter of 1981-82 was one of the photos on the board of memories.



THE NEW BRANCH replaced the first permanent home of the Toronto Dominion Bank, shown at left, just down the street from Jean's Café; at right, which would later be replaced by the Empress Restaurant. The original bank is also preserved for posterity on Elk Point's historical mural, with what was known as 'the gidos' bench' nearby, where many a discussion of the town and its future took place over the years.



SAYING GOODBYE to their Elk Point customers were branch manager Oralea Williams, Darlene Brunner and Erin Drolet. Williams and Drolet are transferring to the St. Paul branch and Brunner returns to Vermilion.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering LRA's local roots

The Lakeland Rodeo Association is celebrating four decades of success this weekend, and what it has become is a far cry from what the rodeo parents who decided to form an amateur rodeo association had in mind.

LRA pioneers Merv and Gladys Hehr and Ken McGinnis envisioned a circuit where their youngsters could learn the ropes of rodeo, and they had no problem recruiting like-minded individuals to help out. The fledgling association held rodeo schools at Moose Mountain and later at Bonnyville, and had a whole lineup of competitors ready to ride and rope in no time.

The original idea was to prepare local competitors to move on to the big time circuits, such as the CCA, and many of them did move on. But the LRA quickly grew beyond locations such as Moose Mountain, Spedden and Therien, all now just faded memories, and moved into some of the locations that had previously held CCA rodeos, and more and more participants found plenty of competition without moving on.

Back in the day, it was frowned on and sometimes forbidden to ride in more than one association, but now that is the norm, with rodeos all over the country sanctioned for multiple associations, a landmark move that many feel was too long in coming.

A long overdue salute to the pioneers of the LRA, whose determination started a rodeo dynasty.

BACK TO SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

Essential back-to-school checklist

Without a doubt, having a to-do list of things to get ready for the new school year is one of the best ways to stay organized. Here's a checklist to help you stay on track as you prepare to send your kids back to class:

- Make appointments with your children's dentist, doctor and optometrist
- Inform the school of any health issues your children might have
- Review any school correspondence you received over the summer
- Inventory all of the school supplies and clothes that can be reused this year
- Buy all the school supplies required by the school
- Buy backpacks and lunchboxes, as necessary
- Plan lunches and snacks
- Label all personal items
- If your kids will be walking to and from school, practice the route a few times with them
- Set up a space in your home for homework and studying
- Display the school calendar somewhere in your house
- Make arrangements for after-school care, if necessary
- Take part in any parent-teacher meetings
- Adjust bedtime and wake-up time a few days before starting the school year
- Get lunch, clothes and backpacks ready the evening before the first day of class
- Wake up earlier on the first day of school so as not to rush

Finally, make the most of the last few days to have fun. After all, summer isn't over yet!



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Golf, jamborees go rain or shine

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1988

Torrential rainfall did little to slow down 130-plus golfers in the Fifth Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, with Doug Loupa winning the championship flight by a two-stroke margin over Ken McCaw. The rain also cancelled a car show to be held in conjunction with the Elk Point Fair, where Norma Berg won the Grand Aggregate award, with Dolores Zacharuk second and Edith Mitchell and Irene Magnusson tied for third.

1993

Alberta Agriculture released the results of a review of Elk Point Agricultural Society operations that started in May 1992 as a condition of a grant application, the report finding the society in a very difficult financial position but "with no indication whatsoever" that funds had been spent on any but agricultural society activities. Metro Papirny was champion of the 10th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, edging out Tom Parenteau and Pat Nairn by a single stroke.

1998

Over two dozen entertainers packed five hours with music at Fort George and Buckingham House for the Forts des Prairies Jamboree, dedicated to the memory of cowboy poet John Drobot and country musician Peter Erasmus, both part of the event for many years. Businesses and services needed in Elk Point were the focus of a tentative plan by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce to beef up the business district.

2003

There was heavy traffic in Heinsburg and vehicles packed the street from the station to the water tower as the community celebrated its 75th anniversary, with Grace Meger on horseback leading the Shadows of the

Past parade and Sharkey's Bus Service bringing up the rear. Performers at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree ranged from four-year-old first timer Emily Thompson to seasoned performers Clarence and Blanche Smith, Roy Scott and Walter Anderson.

2008

A structure that economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko felt was "the only viewing deck on the North Saskatchewan" was officially opened by town Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk, Coun. Bernice Capjack and County Deputy Reeve, Glen Ockerman as their vision became reality. Work on turning a former oil company warehouse and shop into the Arts and Leisure Centre was coming along well, with a crew painting the ceiling and upper walls black with the help of a scissor lift and a spray gun.

2013



GUEST ARTISTS were a special treat at Fort George and Buckingham House's annual Forts des Prairies Jamboree, with Clarence Smith of Ashmont picking along with Ron and Virginia Donald and, Joanne and Merv Leitz, the latter playing a unique pickle pail bass.

Town of Elk Point council discussed the ongoing concern of a resident over alleged noise created by the wind turbine at the Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre, with Mayor Parrish Tung reporting that "The AUC (Alberta Utilities Commission) is saying it's our responsibility to resolve the problem," and pointing out that the building and the turbine are owned and operated by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce.

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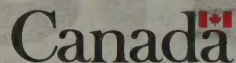
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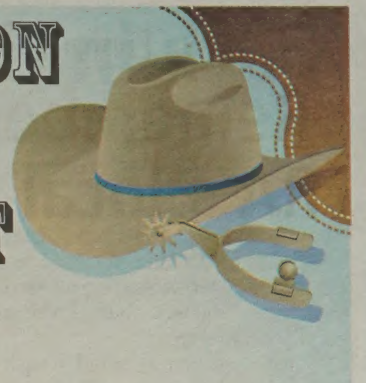
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LRA competitors gear up for final weekend

Local finalists include second and third generation LRA competitors

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The list of competitors taking part in this weekend's Lakeland Rodeo Association (LRA) finals includes people from across western Canada and beyond. And while many of the names on the big screen won't be familiar to the local area, there are a few competing close to home.

To start, LRA president Cory Dunlop will once again take part in the team roping event as a heeler. Dunlop is from the Boscombe area and has been taking part in rodeos for most of his life.

"I'm 35 and I started when I was five, so 30 years," says Dunlop, when asked how long he's been in the rodeo scene. "(I) started on the ground, roping the dummy and stuff at that age, and I think I was seven or eight when I started on a horse."

The horse Dunlop rides now is 12 years old and was originally bought as a barrel racing horse for his daughter.

"We ended up turning her into a rope horse and she's turned out really good in that event, so that's the event we use her in now mostly."

Taking part in rodeos is a family affair for the Dunlop family.

"My brother rodeoed, my dad rodeoed, that's what got me into it, obviously. My daughter team ropes, my son is going to be wild pony racing this year," he says.

Dunlop finished the season in 10th place, "just barely" making it into the finals.

Elk Point will see two locals take part in the finals - Austin Young and Megan Ganzer.

Austin Young

Austin comes from a long line of rodeo competitors and got his start in rodeo at a young age. He started team roping in the LRA with his dad when he was just 10 years old and then started entering the tie down roping in the LRA about five years ago.

"I was a member of the Little Cowpokes Junior Rodeo Association where I team roped. I also was a member of the Alberta High School Rodeo Association, where I first started tie down roping as well as team roped,"

says Austin.

"My dad, Charlie Young, has competed in the steer wrestling, tie down roping and team roping, as well as the rough stock early on. My mom, Wendy Young, is a multiple time LRA finalist in both the junior and ladies barrel racing. My sister, Spencer Young, also qualified for the junior barrel racing twice. And my grandfather, Larry Lorensen, was an original member from 1979 and was the high point calf roper back in 1980."

Austin is now attending college in Hobbs, New Mexico at New Mexico Junior College on a rodeo scholarship. He competes in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in the southwestern region. Plain and simple, "I grew up rodeoing," says Austin.

This will be Austin's first time competing at the LRA finals, although he was very close to qualifying in tie down roping a couple years ago. Leading up to the finals, Austin will be juggling attending classes in New Mexico, practicing on some friends' horses since he left his horse in Canada for the time being.

Austin says one of this year's highlights would include winning a few rodeos calf roping on a horse he just bought this spring, as well as the fact that he qualified in two events - team roping and tie-down roping.

He only qualified in team roping at the end of the season, and that "was a little nerve wracking," he admits. Austin says he is looking forward to this weekend's LRA finals in St. Paul.

"With the top 10 competitors, it is sure to be good competition. It will be great to see some friends and family there. I hope to put a goof show on for everyone."

Megan Ganzer

While barrel racer Megan Ganzer's rodeo roots don't run quite as deep, she's been around the circuit since 2000 when she competed in the junior divisions.

"Neither of my parents rodeoed," she says, adding, she was always around horses but mostly just for pleasure riding. "I grew up in the Stoney Lake community, so we would take in the rodeo, and watching the ladies barrel racing

got me hooked and wanting to compete myself."

Ganzer admits that getting into barrel racing was a challenge.

"Most of my first rodeo runs were train wrecks. My horse had never been off the property, so all the sights and sounds were new and scary to him, but by the end of the first year we started putting runs together, so I was hooked. I loved going fast and loved competing."

And while competing is something that draws Ganzer to the rodeo, the number one draw is simply being around horses.

"It's my comfortable place. Racing is the icing on the cake."

This year's rodeo season almost didn't happen for Ganzer. The mare, Huffy, owned by Colin and Mary Balan, that Ganzer has been competing on had a minor injury this spring, sidelining the duo for a couple of months. At the end of June, Ganzer's friend, Caitlin Stark, offered to let Ganzer run her mare, Copper.

Ganzer had an amazing weekend at

her hometown rodeo, winning in Stoney Lake - her first rodeo win. She then placed at two more rodeos around the same time in July.

"I just kept entering and was able to place at a few more rodeos and was fortunate enough to make enough money to sneak into finals in ninth position," says Ganzer. She admits that a challenge for her, while competing is simply relaxing and having fun.

"When you start getting close to the end of the season and it's only hundreds of dollars making or breaking your chances of making the finals, it can become a head game, and you start overthinking your runs."

This is Ganzer's first time qualifying for the LRA finals - and she has a list of people to thank for this season's successes, including Stark for letting her run Copper, the Balans for letting her run Huffy; and her husband and daughter for tagging along during rodeo season, along with all her family, friends, and sponsor.

LRA FINALS

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Back in the beginning: early days of the LRA

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Forty years for the Lakeland Rodeo Association... They'd never believe it, that handful of rodeo dads who sat around a kitchen table late one night and came up with the idea of starting an association where their sons and daughters could learn and compete in the great sport of rodeo.

What they had in mind was a small association that would give beginners the basic skills and prepare them to move up the ranks to the Canadian Cowboys' Association (CCA) and other associations of that caliber. They definitely never anticipated the astonishingly fast progress made by the Lakeland Amateur Rodeo Association, formed a few months later at a meeting in Spedden, with stock contractor Ken McGinnis and rodeo parents Merv and Gladys Hehr among the association's pioneers.

In the first year, it grew from a handful to 402 members, competing in eight rodeos. Unfortunately, McGinnis would pass away suddenly from a bee sting suffered at the Stoney Lake Rodeo before that first year came to an end.

The first finals were held in Saddle Lake in September of 1979 (see story on Page) and the first lineup of champions honored at an awards banquet in St. Paul included hometown cowgirl Michelle Gottenbos, winning the award for Junior Barrel Racing.

It took only one year before the word 'Amateur' was dropped from the association's name and the first edition of the Lakeland Rodeo News rolled off the presses. The association grew to 530 members and the lineup to 23 rodeos, with the finals held in Vermilion and Ted Hehr winning his first Bareback championship.

In 1982, with 31 rodeos in the circuit, the finals moved to the brand new Camrose Agri-Plex, where an early snowfall turned the Agri-Plex grounds to deep, sticky mud. Along with a new venue, the finals had a new name: Showdown '82, and St. Paul Rodeo Queen Corine Kuzma won the LRA Queen title.

By 1983, over a quarter of a million dollars in prize

money was handed out at 29 LRA rodeos, with 470 members competing, that number topping 500 the following year and rodeos increased to 33. Michelle Gottenbos was named the LRA Queen and Wendy Lorenson of Elk Point brought home the Junior Barrel Racing title.

Showdown remained at Camrose until 1988, when it moved to St. Paul for the first time. Hosted by the St. Paul Agricultural Society, that show featured five performances and \$21,000 in prize money, and wound up Sunday's show with Derek Hehr as the only cowboy to make the eight seconds in the Bull Riding, accompanied by a massive roar of applause from the audience, a fitting finale to the first decade of LRA Rodeo finals.

The 30 years since the move to St. Paul have seen continued growth for the association and many more exciting Showdowns, virtually all with some of those very first competitors and organizers in the stands.

In 2003, the LRA held a reunion of all those who held the association's membership cards in 1979, with four outstanding supporters throughout the 25 years receiving lifetime membership gold cards. Two-time Junior Barrels champion and seven-time Ladies' Barrels finalist Wendy (Lorenson) Young, former junior steer rider and two-time Steer Wrestling champion Dean Lawes, stock contractor and former bullrider Les Trach and calf roper Clint Olson were on hand to receive their gold cards, while a fifth recipient, 1979 Bull Riding season leader Lenny Lawes, was unable to attend the reunion. Dave Hutton, who "announced the first finals because I was the only guy with a sound system," made the presentations, while everyone from longtime LRA secretary Diane Bailey and former president Richard Gottenbos to rodeo clown Richard 'Ricky Ticky' Wanchuk shared reminiscences and enjoyed the displays of albums, yearbooks, finals programs and photos collected over the years.

LRA ALL AROUND COWBOY in 1982 was Bert Croteau, who accepted the St. Paul Journal trophy saddle from Vicki Brooker. This was the second year in a row for Croteau as the All Around award winner.



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LRA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY brought together many familiar faces from the early years of the Lakeland Rodeo Association and Lakeland Amateur Rodeo Association for what seemed very much like a family reunion. Sadly, a number of those pictured are no longer with us, but their contributions to the association will not be forgotten.

FOUR LRA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS were presented by Dave Hutton (second from left) at the celebration, to 25-year members, (left to right) Clint Olson, Wendy Young, with daughter Spencer, Les Trach and Dean Lawes.

Vicki Brooker photos



A look back at the LARA's first Finals Rodeo

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The first Lakeland Amateur Rodeo Association Finals were held Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 1979 at the Saddle Lake Arena, with stock provided by Ferbey Rodeo Stock of Bon Accord and Block Bros. of Rosalind. Les Trach was the arena director, Richard Wanchuk was the rodeo clown and Dwayne Ethier was the bullfighter. Dave Hutton was the announcer, and Milton Block, Leo Ferbey and Dale Horness were the pickup men. Sandy McGinnis was rodeo secretary and timekeepers were Wendy Ferbey and Marie Horness.

Six championships had already been decided before the finals, Marvin Kleinbert winning the All-Around championship saddle from Sundance Simmentals and the Reid's Mobile Feed Service buckle, Francis Dumais winning the Wild Cow Milking, the Hoffman team taking the senior and the Hehr team the junior Wild Horse Race honors, Michelle Gottenbos named the Junior Barrel Racing champion and Gordon McKie the Junior Saddle Bronc champion.

Four rough stock and three timed events, along with two clown acts, made up the program.

In the **Bareback Bronc Riding**, Maynard Swedgan of Elk Point, Frank Anderson of Minburn, Earl Anderson of Bon Accord, Clayton Jackson of Minburn, Gordie Lichuk of Lac La Biche, Ted Hehr of Elk Point, Derryl Harrison of Edmonton, Vinnie Batiz of Edmonton, Bill Bedson of Brownfield and season leader Morrie Nicholson of Minburn vied for

the championship, with Bedson accepting the Ferbey Rodeo Stock trophy saddle and Young Brothers buckle.

Saddle Bronc Riding finalists were Ken McKinney of Lavoy, Randy Bailey of Ashmont, Calvin Meston of Tees, Will Sinclair of Coronado, Dwayne Fiddler of Edmonton, Dave Tizzard of Glendon, Bruce Hanson of Lloydminster, Rick Goad of Edmonton, Eric Anderson of Minburn and season leader Colin Jackson of Minburn, but it was Ken McKinney who advanced from 10th place to win the McGinnis Memorial championship saddle and Austin's Saddlery buckle.

Junior Steer Riding featured Wayne Bailey of Ashmont, Kenny McDonald of Hylo, Curtis Nicholson of Minburn, Doug McKie of Kinsella, Jim MacFarlane of Radway, Dean Lawes of Provost, Robbie Piper of Bruderheim, Marty Lawes of Provost, Buck Olson of Fort Saskatchewan and season leader Derek Hehr of St. Paul. Marty Lawes, coming into the finals in third place, took home the championship buckle from Bill's Steering and Alignment.

In the **Bull Riding**, Cal Brown of Camp Creek, Ken Leslie of Edmonton, Barry Sideroff of Bonnyville, Ted Hehr and Derek Hehr of St. Paul, Gary Guenther and Mike Fulkert of Minburn, Kevin Hehr of St. Paul, Marvin Kleinbert of Winterburn and season leader Lenny Lawes of St. Paul were in the running for the championship, with Cal Brown moving up from 10th place to take home the Kaiser Oil saddle and D & D Western Wear buckle.

Team Roping finalists were Richard Lazariuk of Willingdon and Richard Gottenbos of St. Brides,

Buck and Clint Olson of Fort Saskatchewan, Marty Stapleton of Sherwood Park and Dale Living of Fort Saskatchewan, Steve Schmitt of Edmonton and Marvin Kleinbert of Winterburn, Bill Bishop and Ted Simpson of Flatbush, Doug Williams of Stony Plain and Garnet Schultz of Winterburn, Bob Homme of Stony Plain and Robin Wigston of Spruce Grove, Lawrence Simmons of Ardrossan and Bill Walburger of Fort Saskatchewan, Ron Beck of Fort Saskatchewan and Jim Henry of Sherwood Park and season leaders Bill and Darwin Ullery of Two Hills. When the final loop met its mark, Kleinbert and Schmitt rode off with the H&R and A&K Consulting saddles and Cloverbar Saddlery buckles.

The **Ladies' Barrel Racing** finals saw Holly Lawrence of Ardmore, Connie Holmberg of Rosalind, Debbie Lawton of Ashmont, Angela Doody of Sedgewick, Glenda McGinnis of Spedden, Duffy DeRudder of Boyle, Shirley MacRae of Hardisty and Nancy Franz of Bonnyville and Janice Lawton of Ashmont compete with season leader Louise Sinclair for the championship, but it was Nancy Franz that took home the Gaucher Auto Sales buckle for the win.

Calf Ropers Garnet Schultz of Winterburn, Doug Williams of Winterburn, Ken Dunlop of St. Paul, Ken Norman of Donald, Bob Homme of Stony Plain, Kent Kozlinski of Cadogan, Leo Paradis of La Corey, Larry Zieger of Smiley, Sask., Bruce Craige of Dewberry and season leader Bill Ullery competed for the Tall Horse Saddlery championship saddle and Poitras Enterprises buckle, with Leo Paradis taking home the win.

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RCMP execute search warrant

ELK POINT RCMP

The Elk Point RCMP and the Kitscoty RCMP investigated a Break and Enter and theft on a lease site in Tulliby Lake that occurred on Aug. 1.

On Aug. 16., the Elk Point RCMP executed a search warrant in a residence in Frog Lake First Nations and seized three CNRL batteries, a chainsaw and a bow and arrow.

A 42-year-old Frog Lake man was charged with four counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and is set to appear in court

on Thursday, Sept. 6 in St Paul.

If you have any information about this crime or any other crime please contact the Elk Point RCMP 780-724-3964 or the Kitscoty RCMP at 780-846-2870. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or by internet at www.tipsubmit.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers and if your information leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property and/or

the seizure of illicit drugs you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Shots fired

On Aug 3, Elk Point RCMP responded to a report of shots fired at a residence on the Frog Lake First Nation. It was alleged that two suspects used bear spray and discharged several rounds from a firearm at the outside of a residence before fleeing in vehicles. No one was injured.

While investigating the incident, police received a separate call regarding a male that was stabbed at another resi-

dence. Police responded and located a male youth victim at the residence with serious life-threatening injuries. He was flown to Edmonton via STARS due to his injuries but was released a short time later.

Through further investigation two suspects were identified and arrested. Police do not believe this was a random incident.

A 19-year-old Frog Lake man was charged with the following Criminal Code offences: discharge of a firearm, careless use of a firearm, assault with a weapon and three counts of failing to comply with probation order. He was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear in St. Paul Provincial Court on Aug. 23.

A 16-year-old male youth who cannot be identified due to the Youth Criminal Justice Act was also arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences: discharge a firearm, careless use of a firearm, assault with a weapon and Aggravated assault.

The youth was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear in Bonnyville Provincial Court on Aug. 21.

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Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Elk Point will offer for sale, by the Public Auction, to be held at the Town Office, 4914-50th Avenue, Elk Point, Alberta on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. the following land.

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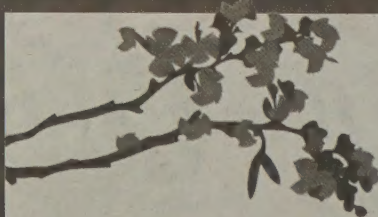
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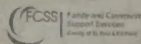


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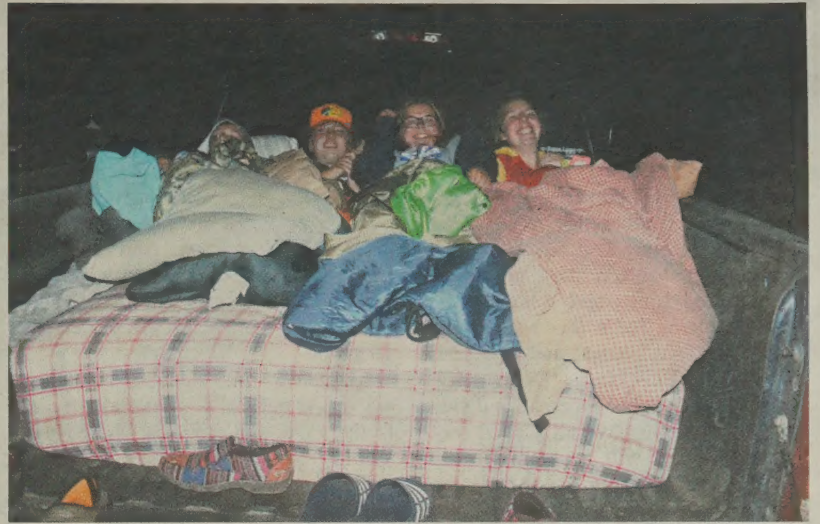


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FCSS summer fun winds up with block party, scavenger hunt and outdoor movie



ELK POINT'S SCAVENGER HUNT AND BLOCK PARTY on Friday, Aug. 17 was fun for the whole family, with County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS staffer Brad Dubrule handing out the scavenger hunt prizes, Lauryn Smith coaching some young ladder ball players, a scavenger hunt participant setting out her finds, and everyone enjoying burgers and hot dogs courtesy of Cornerstone Co-op.



MOVIE NIGHT AT FERGUSON FLATS was the coolest ever, with Fawn and Dean Ockerman, Nicole Bristow and an unidentified friend bedding down in sleeping bags in the back of a truck, while mom Cathy Ockerman took a more traditional route and watched 'Tangled' from her lawn chair.



Announcements



Alex Yaceyko, age 92, passed away to his rest on July 19, 2018, at the Two Hills Hospital. He was born in Derwent, AB, to Prokop & Annie Yaceyko, and was one of the 11 children born to them (5 girls and 6 boys). They lived on a farm north of Derwent, AB for many years. Alex met and fell in love with a young woman, Lena Fedorak - and lived on the family farm with her until he found some land, south of Elk Point, AB - where he then moved his little family, which now included a son (Joseph). Soon a daughter (Roseann), and another son (Michael) followed. Alex was a hardworking farmer, who enjoyed the farm life, his family and his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 8 siblings, his youngest son, Michael - in July of 2013; and recently, by his wife, Lena - in November of 2016.

There will be a Memorial Service for Alex at the Beauvallon, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 @ 1:30 pm.

He will be laid to rest beside his loving wife, awaiting the resurrection morning.

SARANCHUK, Walter



On August 17, 2018, Mr. Walter Norman Saranchuk of Lindbergh passed away at the age of 95 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret "Marg"; 2 sons, Ernie (Debbie) & Kim (Mandy); step-daughter, Crystal Jacobson (Tad Reed); 4 grandchildren, Jodi (Shane) Smith, Kylee (James) Babenek, Laci Jacobson (Ashton Tubman) & Daniel Saranchuk; 6 great-grandchildren, Brooke Babenek, Brody Babenek, Lexee Smith, Jaxon Smith, Teaghan Jacobson & Madison Jacobson; many nieces & nephews & many, many friends. Walter was predeceased by his parents, William & Anna Saranchuk; 2 brothers, Bill & Morris Saranchuk; sister, Olga Brygadyr; first wife, Phyllis Saranchuk. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Health Services - Parkview Extended Care or Kidney Foundation c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Football now and then

Good memories of high school and college football

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This time of the year I recall very well as a young teenager. Football try-outs. Years from now some of these guys will remember it too. Right now they feel it every night when they get home. The St Paul Lions and Bengals have been practicing for a few weeks now. Hank 'the Tank' Rogal and his brother 'Charlie Chuckles'; 'Danny Boy' Cardinal, 'Ty Cobb' Smereka and Odin 'the Wall' Smith have all played football before and will be on the Lions. From our town trying out for the junior team, the Bengals, we have Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal, Nathaniel 'the Man' Cousins, Josef 'Big Red' Theriault, Chayse 'Big Pappy' Pankiw and a female player, Aurora Smith, who is a sister to the 'Wall'. A few weeks from now we will have some game reports to give you.

Now, lets take you back to the early 1970s. Ancaster High School football try-outs started on the first day back at school. Every night after school we would be pushing the blocker, running through tires, pounding heads with all the other guys trying to make the

team. I did make the team, four years straight, not only that, we won the Hamilton Wentworth district championship four years in a row. Of course we had a great team back then. Two of

our players went on to play in the CFL. Bob Cameron was with the Blue Bombers for close to 30 years as a punter. He was our quarterback all the way through high school. And my cousin Marv Allemang, a big man who at six foot three and about 250 lbs became a lineman for the Ti-cats. He played over 10 years.

Game days on Fridays at our school, we would get out at noon, take the bus to the game and then the whole school would get out about 2 p.m. to watch. We had a junior and senior team. One team would be on the road and one at home. Everyone from the school was there at the games. After winning the district we would play off against the winner of the City of Hamilton. That final game was always at Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton, down in the east end of the city. Way down by Hamilton Harbor docks, close to the big steel mills, Stelco and Dofasco. The stadium has been totally renovated recently and renamed Tim Hortons Field.

Just the other night, my wife Donna was having a wind up meeting with the girls from the Horticulture Fair. My



good baseball buddy who travels to the spring training, Darryl Kinneberg, came with his wife Shirley who is part of the committee. Darryl and I headed downstairs to watch the Ti-cats and the Eskimos play. Darryl is a big Riders fan and as such isn't a fan of the Eskimos at all, so both of us were cheering for the Ti-cats. During the show the commentators began talking about the great Hall of Fame quarterback Bernie Custis. This brought back a ton of memories, some of which I related to Darryl. After high school I went on to play football at Sheridan College in Oakville. Our coach was Bernie Custis. He was the very first black quarterback in professional football playing for the Ti-cats in the 50s. Bernie, who has now passed away, was a terrific coach. He worked you hard at practice and expected the best, but would give you a chance. Took a chance on me anyway, because I was by far not the biggest player, but I still made the team. He was a great preacher and had some awesome inspiring speeches before the games or at practice. Here's a few of his speeches I will never forget... I can still here him time and time again: « You must have discipline!» and if not, the whole team would run another 25 wind sprints. Not

a lot of fun. Another one was "You tuck that ball in boy, you ain't carrying a loaf of bread you know!" « But my favorite memory of all time was after one of our games when one of our running backs had taken the ball all the way from our own end zone over 110 plus yards for a touchdown. At practice the next night as we all gathered around for a chat. Bernie said to him, "Rastus"... I didn't know you could run that fast." Rastus replied, "Bern, when those big guys is after you.... you can run!" After many years of coaching at Sheridan College, Bernie went on and coached many more years at McMaster University in Hamilton and before he died, was elected into the CFL Hall of Fame.

Last week at the golf course I was speaking with Taylor Cochrane. She is heading out this week with her parents driving down to southern Ontario to go to school at Sheridan College. She's taking a sports program. I told her she's going to love it there. I also told her to be sure to look up the old Sheridan Bruins football team roster from '72. And she promised she would!!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately so is losing - Vince Lombardi, NFL.

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The County of St. Paul is currently seeking applications for a full-time Finance Technician based on a 35-hour work week. The position shall report to the Director of Corporate Services and serve as part of the Finance Department.

The successful candidate shall have a University Degree or College Diploma in Accounting, Commerce, or Business and/or previous experience relevant to the position.

Candidates must have strong skills in Microsoft Excel and accounting. They must be able to work in an open office, team-oriented, fast-paced environment. Experience with Serenic Software and/or in a municipal environment are considered assets.

The duties and responsibilities of the position include:

- Payroll Processing
- Payment and reconciliation of statutory and benefit deductions
- Processing of records of employment and annual T4s
- Annual Pension Plan Reporting
- Annual WCB Reporting
- Assist with budget preparation
- Assist with year end audit preparation
- All other duties as requested

The County of St. Paul offers an excellent benefit package including enrollment in the Local Authorities Pension Plan. The County offers a competitive salary for the position and will negotiate within the position's range based on experience and qualifications.

***THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 4:30 PM.**

Please forward resumes to the Director of Corporate Services at kattanasio@county.stpaul.ab.ca

If you require further information, please contact
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